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Re: Notes for Oswald, CIA, Russians, etc

Conclusions (and appendix)

(1)That Oswald was, as Epstein implies or contends, a KGB agent sent to the US for whatever--small scale espionage,etc. Not to asaassinate JFK. That he was first recruited in Japan by Russian agents because of his useful information about the U-2,etc., and west coast radar,etc. That Nosenko was a "fake," a disinformation agent sent to the US after the Kennedy assassination to take national attention(or investigative attention) off of Oswald as a Russian agent and to divert CIA attention away from an alleged "mole" in the CIA. If we believe Epstein account, Nosenko's accrediting or affirmation of his bone fides by the "new" CIA(with sanction from the FBI) means that US Intelligence has been turned inside out. That there is still a highly placed "mole" inside the CIA. . .And that the CIA (and FBI)in using Nosenko in any counterintelligence work is consciously going about the vitiation of US intelligence.

Or, at least, that is the general direction the Epstein argument leads us. . . .

(2) That Nosenko was a bona fide defectior and the CIA believed this and did not question his information or even his decision to defect until he had come to the US and began speaking to the FBI and relating things about Oswald that the CIA may have regarded as potentially embarrassing if it became an area of investigation by the Warren Commisssion(similar concern that they had with the reveleations of the "executive action" programs). In order to prevent any airing of Oswald as a potential Intelligence agent Nosenko was spirited away and went under the kind of "sweating" described by CIA agent Hart. The purpose to break him or produce a "burnt out" case (if not kill him because the FBI knew of his whereabouts,etc)so that after three years Nosenko would be a basket case and no one would listen to what he had to say about Oswald, KGB, and Oswald's Russian period. In short, this version would have it that the CIA was involved in a "cover up" of its association with Oswald. Once again, not because the Agency was involved in any official efforts to assassinate JFK(we still do not knew whether or not there wwere any self-starters or renegades involved in the Kennedy killing).

(3)Third option with the possibility of any or all of these conclusions overlapping.

Nosenko is a "Red Herring" thrown up by the older CIA boys, the true believers and hard core fighters and "patriots" of the CIA in the pre-detente days of the Cold War. The Helms, Angletons, Bagleys,etc. . .all those in the Counterintelligence branch and "dirty tricks" branch of the CIA. Men who never believed in detente; who believ that any relaxation of tensions with the Soviet Union is another name for appeasement,etc. These elements want to return to the good old days of the 1950s-1960s when the CIA had pretty much the total support of the Presidency and no questions asked by the Congress, Press, and country in general. Back to the good old days of the executive action programs and the Bay of Pigs when the the CIA's mandate was even greatwe that the President's in terms of fighting the war against Godless atheism in the back allies of the world in all the countries, peoples, nations, and continents contested for by the Soviet Union and the United States.

They resent bitterly the aura of suspicion that has covered the CIA. They resent the monitoring of the CIA's actions by congressional oversight committees, the investigations into CIA actions by Congressional, Special Committees(like the Rockefeller and the Church), and the "leaking" that takes place. They resent the right of citizens to use the Freeedom of Information Act to intrude upon the "inner workings" of the Agency, as they would put it. . .They are aggrieved and disconsolate about the emergence of the principle of accountability to the organs of this Democracy.

"Mole" by defense in CIA's Tradecraft - failure - failure to assume Carter, the weight.

The argument that the CIA has been "invaded" or infiltrated by Soviet "moles" can be used to explain away the CIA's intelligence failures. . .To alert the Cpngress and the lawmakers to the need to restore more in-house control over the affairs of intelligence,etc. A return to the good old days when even Presidents were not always told of Agency plans or were not always obeyed and get away with it . . . .

Angleton-Colby reflecting the two CIAs. Why Colby may be regarded by Angleton as a "mole."

Colby-Angletonians(Helms Crowd). It was in 1963 under Helms that the CIA established the Domestic Operations Division allowing the Agency to conduct clandestine operational activities within the US. The Spying had come home.

This activity went on for a decade. The CIA opening the mail of US citizens, black bag jobs, the infiltration of the Peace Groups in the anti-war movement and efforts to disrupt these groups--Operation Chaos.; spying on internal political activity. The accumulation of over 10,000 dossiers on Americans by the CIA. We know of the role of the CIA in lending special equipement to E. Howard Hunt and Godon Liddy,etc. in the Watergate affair.

Even Smokey the Bear was a CIA front. Until 1974 the CIA had its own air base at Marana Air Park near Tuscon, Arizona, the cover was/ operation for the company was known as Intermountain Aviation, Inc. a company that provided aircraft and eqiupement to the U.S. Forestry Service for its "smokejumpers."

It was Colby in the 1970s, then Director of the CIA, who assisted Congressional and special committees like the Rockefeller Committee ferrit out all these domestic activities of an agency whose charter presumably circumscribed its activities to foreign intelligence,etc.

It was Colby who first put Seymour Hersh onto CIA's illegal mail openings.

It was Colby who went before the Senate Appropriations Committee in 1974 and confirmed everything--the infiltration of the peace groups, the spying on antiwar activitists, and the CIA dossiers of 10,000 Americans/ It Colby who ened Operation Chaos. (A Helms run operation).

It was Colby who cooperated with the Rockefeller Committee in undovering the bugging, the break-ins, wiretappings, and physical surveillance carried out by the "old" CIA.

It was also Colby who informed President Ford of the "executive action" programs of the CIA. This eventually became public, in part, under the Church Committee.